

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting  
July 25, 2019 6:30PM

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

Katrina Coryell with Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence (JCCDV) was first on the agenda with a request for donations. JCCDV operates solely on donations and grant funds and is requesting \$10,000 for 2020. None of the funding is guaranteed from year to year. The Commissioners had approved \$10,000 in donations for 2019 earlier this year. Katrina spoke on the importance of local support because the federal grants require a local match. Bob Willhite made a motion to put \$10,000 into the 2020 budget for JCCDV. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jack Gay came before the Commissioners with a proposal to create an office for Public Defenders Commission. He stated that ETC has a space available to rent and is willing to rent at a lower price. With the judicial system being overloaded the Public Defenders office would help offset those numbers. The creation of an office would include 1 full-time Chief Public Defender, 2 full-time salaried Public Defenders, 1 part-time conflict/overflow contractor, 1 non-reimbursable contractor, 1 clerical/paralegal, 1 social worker, and 1 part-time contract investigator. The net additional cost for this office is estimated at \$107,240. The cost would include all salaries and benefits. Bob Willhite made a motion of support for creating the office for Public Defenders. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Stephanie Back with Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) was next on the agenda with a request of \$5,000 for the 2020 budget. The funds would help with CAC's general operations. The CAC has been serving Jennings County since 2010. The CAC interviews children from alleged abuse cases. Stephanie stated the CAC has served over 4,000 children since opening and 561 have been from Jennings County. Currently offices are in Dillsboro and Madison with an office opening in Greensburg soon. Bob Willhite made a motion to put the \$5,000 in the 2020 budget. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Eric Lowry with WTH gave the Commissioners an overview of what the company does. Many counties are asking WTH for GIS development services. By offering these services it frees up the office staff to do other things. A comprehensive list of services offered include creating a map layer that represents the survey, managing parcel combinations, record and manage annexations, parcel line adjustments, and maintain parcel splits. WTH has proposed to become the primary provider of parcel data management

services to the county. The proposal for July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 has a price of \$4,500 with the 2020 proposal being \$9,000. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Auditor Salsman to enter the agreement with WTH. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Darren Bates with Data Pit Stop gave the Commissioners an overview of the company. Data Pit Stop is a web based company offering asset management, allows department to do their collection fees online, and offers an excise program. The cost for Data Pit Stop is \$8,000. This agreement would be from now until the end of 2020. Auditor Salsman has the money in her budget to cover the cost. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Auditor Salsman to enter the agreement. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Greg Cook came before the Commissioners regarding a drainage issue with Dave Lane's property. He presented Chris Doran, acting county attorney, with photographs pertaining to the issue. Chris Doran asked Mr. Cook if he had retained council at this moment. He then told Mr. Cook that he could not offer any legal advice. Mr. Cook went on to give a description of each photograph provided. He stated he was advised to contact the drainage board. After Mr. Cook's presentation, Chris Doran thanked him for coming in and advised him to talk to his attorney.

Nicci Lucas with HR presented the Commissioners with staffing issues. The first opening Nicci presented was made on behalf of Amy Thompson, Clerk. Amy has an open deputy position. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Amy to fill that position. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Next Nicci informed the Commissioners that Dispatch had four openings. She has asked if Dispatch could bypass the internal posting for this circumstance. Bob Willhite made a motion to bypass internal posting and post immediately. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Bob Willhite then made a motion to allow Dispatch to hire for the open positions. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman brought forth a request from the Town of Vernon to use the courthouse lawn Friday, August 30- Sunday, September 1 for the Annual Labor Day Festivities. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow use of the courthouse lawn. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Matt Sporleder abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

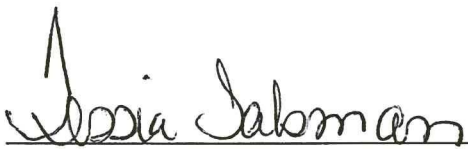
Dave Lane made a motion to sign the minutes from the Executive Session July 3. Matt Sporleder seconded. Bob Willhite abstained since he was not at that meeting.



Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded.  
~~Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.~~

Jim Reeves with the Highway Department requested signatures on a change order on bridge 52. More cost was incurred because of the beams containing lead paint. There is no money coming out of the highway's budget. Matt Sporleder signed the change order. The next document requiring signatures was a termination order for the same bridge. This document just states that the bridge is complete and there is no more financial obligation. Matt Sporleder signed the termination order. Lastly, Jim has requested to move employees to different lines. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Jim to move the employees. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded.  
Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner